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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.

The attitude of the Republican party of New Mexico has always been con-Democratic party was united in their opposition against it. We still favor its admission, believing that there is no good and substantial reason for keeping us out of the Union as a state and be lieve that this can best be accomplished by the election of a delegate to congress who is in harmony with Republican politics and principles.-Republican Platform, New Mexico, 1898.

The Hon, Michael Davitt, in his op position to the very remote possibility of an alliance between the United States and Great Britain, is much mor in evidence than the affair requires.

Admiral Dewey's Christmas presen in the shape of promotion to the rank ing officer of the American pays, will please the people probably as much as it will the hero of Manila bay; in fact everybody concerned will be highly satisfied with the arrangement.

By the time the newspapers, churches and moral societies generally get through expressing their opinion of Congressman-elect Roberts, of Utah, that gentleman will know pretty well of the secretary of the interior to rewhat the people of the United States think of a polygamist, not only on general principles, but in specific cases.

The house committee on territorie held a meeting on Wednesday and th only subject discussed was that of statehood for New Mexico. Hon. T. B. Catron appeared before the committee and made a strong plea for the admission of the territory. Judging from the news sent out from the nation's capita statehood for New Mexico is not s hopeless as many persons in the terri tory would like it to be.

There will be no profits in the sale of franchises in Cuba for the departing Spaniards. The order which has been issued from Washington requiring that all propositions made by capitalists and syndicates for privileges of construction of railroads, water works and othsubmitted to the secretary of war is no tice that the United States is running things on the island, for the present a

The events of the past two months in the Philippinest and Cuba have possibly taught the Spanish officers how it feels to be abused and insuited and chased over the country by the other fellows The riots and badgering of Spaniards by the native people have not been pleasant to contemplate, but all the same there has been a mild feeling of satisfaction in this country to know that the tables have been turned, and that haughty and honorable Castillian officers have been getting a dose of their own medicine, administered according to the teachings of allopathy.

President McKinley has placed the anti-expansionists in a position where they will either have to gather up a new lot of ideas or acknowledge themselves outclassed in every particular. In his speech at Atlanta the president said, in referring to the Philippine islands: "Can we leave these people who by the fortunes of war and our own acts, are helpless and without government to chaos after we have destroyed the only government they have had? After destroying their government it is the duty of the American government to provide for them a better one. Shall we distrust ourselves? Shall we proclaim to the world our inability to peoples whose future by the victories of war have been confided to us?" When the anti-expansionists have answered nexation, then they will be entitled to a hearing by an intelligent people, and not before.

'Tis Christmas Tide.

For unto us a child is born: unto us a child is given," sang Isaiah, the invent, as he cast his prophetic vision with one grand sweep across the intervening centuries until it rested upon an unpretentious tavern stable in Bethlehem of Judea, but a short distance, in fact, from where he was at that time writing. The full significance of this prophecy was hardly realized by its writer, though he surely knew that a Redeemer would be given to sinful man, given as a son born in the course of events, born in the fulfillment of a plan originating ere time began and foretold through prophecy. But by the heavenly chorus that appeared on the for an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for night of the birth to those Judean sheep the purposes of carrying out its purherders, they understood the full and poses. wonderful import, as in supreme delight at this achievement of prophecy, they sang, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will towards men!" It was this event that suggested to the prophets before and the great poets afterwards most ennobling and inspiring themes for poetry and song.

and which 250 years ago furnishes Handel, the composer. The subject of is most enduring work, the Oratorio f the Messiah.

The Christian world has come to ac

ept December 25 as the anniversary of the day on which the Christ child was born. There is no evidence that this vas the exact day; in fact, the burder f historical evidence is that it was earer by one month or more. But then he difference is immaterial; the present day. December 25, will remain a fixture as the day we celebrate in honor of this child, of whom the poets have sung, who lived to raise the dead, head the sick and pronounce the beatirude an epitome of the most beautifu noral and spiritual system the work ver knew; in whose honor countless hurches have been raised all over bristendom, whose praises are sun daily in countless homes, and who lef behind him a code of spiritual and mor I law that has been for the healing of the nations, and has proven what thou sands of people hold to be the basis of ill that is ennobling in art, literature thics and law. It is the sweet influence of the life of the Man of Galilee hat is constantly spreading like a beautiful leaven, through all civilizaions, uniting men together as never be ore, in that bond of love the acme of whose perfection is described with such poetic yet forceful power in the re cised version of the 13th chapter of sistent on the question of the admission | First Corinthians, that bond of peace of the territory as a state. We favored purity, honesty, truth, faith, hope and the admission of the territory when the charity, and which has been product ve of the most refined civilization the world has ever seen.

> So the nations celebrate Christma day in fitting remembrance in an elaborate festival of song and worship with the appearance of Santa Claus the giving of presents, abstinence from ousiness cares and a general thanks giving. Let everybody rejoice.

Congressional Bills of Interest to New Mexico. On December 16 there were three bill introduced into the house of represent atives of congress which will prove of interest to the people of New Mexico.

and are as follows: House bill No. 11225, being the sam as the bill introduced in the senate by enator Elkins, providing that the in habitants of all that part of the area of the United States now constituting the territory of New Mexico, as at pres ent described, may become the state of New Mexico.

House bill No. 11222, which reads as follows: "Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled. That it shall be the duty quire each head of a family of the Mes calero Apache Indians belonging to the Mescalero agency in New Mexico within 12 months from the passage of this act, to select from the lands of said reservation 160 acres of land; and when the same is so selected, the same shall be allotted and set apart to said Indian by the secretary of the interior. The said secretary shall also set apart and allot to each of said Indians, not a part of a family receiving an allotment under this act, 40 acres of said land, and all the residue of the lands of said res ervation is hereby declared to be oper to entry and settlement, the mineral lands under the mineral land laws of the United States and all other lands under the homestead laws of the

United States; Provided, That persone entering lands under the homestead laws shall pay therefor at the rate of \$1.25 per acre at the time of en-The proceeds of such sale shift be turned into the treasury of the United States to be held as a trust fund for the use of said Indians, such fund to draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum, such fund and inerest to be expended under the direction of the secretary of the interior for the benefit of said Indians: Provided, further. That any quarter section of said lands now having permanent and valuable improvements thereon erected by the United States shall remain unallotted and shall be held by the gov-

said Indians." House bill No. 11229, the purpose of which is told in the first section in the following words: "That upon the passage of this act the president shall proeed to call forth, organize, arm, equip and discipline a portion of the militia. not to exceed in the aggregate of all arms 200,000 men, and shall apportion the same between the several states according to their ratio of the enrolled militia liable to military duty under existing laws. Said troops shall be known as the active militia, and shall be called the National Guard of the United States."

ernment for the purpose of educating

The bill provides that the president shall apportion the number of each arm of the service of the several state quotas, prescribe the equipment, organization and arms, and the system of drill in actual camp life, the guard shall be assembled in camps of instrucgive kindly government to oppressed tion, which may include the guards of more than one state and portions of the regular army, not oftener than once a year, and for periods of not more than those questions in a manner which will 21 days, and when so assembled shall point out a better plan than that of an- be furnished with all the necessary camp equipage and subsistence. When encamped under orders or in active service the commissioned officers of the guard shall receive the pay and allowances as commissioned officers of the same rank in the regular army, and the enlisted men shall be paid as follows: spired bard, 740 years before the a - Non-commissioned officers of the general staff \$3.50 per day; non-commissoned officers of the regimental staff, \$3 per day: 1st sergeants, \$2 per day; sergeants, \$1.75 per day; corporals,

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PRESS COMMENTS.

NEW MEXICO QUALIFIED FOR STATEHOOD.

(Denver Republican.) Some of the people of New Mexico re trying to secure a favorable report rom the committees on territories of be house of representatives for a bill edicateting New Mexico into the Union. It is doubtful, however, if they wil

There is a division of sentiment in New Mexico concerning the proposion to erect a state government. This division may suffice, without regard to other considerations, to prevent a favorable report on the bill. Opposition in the territory to statehood springs from a belief or an alleged belief, on the part of some persons that the population is not fit for the responsibilities of state government. Probably, however, this government. Probably, however, this government. Probably, however, this government. Probably, however, this feeling among Demograts is the feeling among Demograts in the feeling among Demogratis in the feeling among Demogratis in the feeling among Demogratis in the feeling the feeling among Demogratis in the feeling the feeling among Demogratis in the feeling that the feeling the fe celing among Democrats is due to their unwillingness to aid in erecting a tate government while the Republicar party seems to be in the ascendency. New Mexico is qualified for state good, both in respect to the number and character of its inhabitants and then

ability to bear the expense which the Fe. N. M. maintenance of a state government would involve. It is true that among adult natives of the territory there is a high percentage of Illiteracy. But to this it may be be answered that good ork is being done in the public chools and that, furthermore the ople, whether illiterate or not, are rderly and obedient to the constituted authorities. This characteristic may not suffice as a foundation upon which to build a free and progressive state But as order is nature's first law, so a lisposition to obey the laws is a prime squisite of good citizenship.

The population which migrated from the states is as intelligent and in every other way as well qualified for state citizenship as the inhabitants of any existing state. This element would in rease in consequence of the establish ient of a state government, and its in luence in public matters would enlarge n at least as great a ratio.

New Mexico is a territory of natur il resources sufficient to enable it to naintain a state government, erecting oublic buildings and making whatever ther improvements of that kind migh be needed. Its taxable wealth is ample or that purpose. In this respect its strength will increase through growth n population and the investment of autside capital.

The prime consideration is whether the people want a state government The decision of this question should be eft to them. Congress should let then vote on the question of holding a con vention to frame a state constitution and then they should be given an opportunity to accept or reject the con stitution. If the opposition to statehood is strong enough, the constitution would be defeated, and New Mexico would remain a territory. The people chould be permitted to choose their orm of government.

GOVERNOR OTERO'S INDORSE MENT. (Clayton Enterprise.)

The sweeping Republican victory in New Mexico is a living reminder to the enemies of Governor Otero that while he may not have pleased these New Mexico "for revenue only," his administration has been entirely satisfactory to the great majority of the people, and to prove it they indorsed im at the polls on election day. His firm adherence to the principles of right and justice has endeared him to the

people of the territory in a manner that will not soon be forgotten. So much for the "boy governor," as the Optic has been pleased to call him. If New Mexico could have a few more officials is efficient as the "boy governor" for a ew years she would realize an increase in immigration that would open her eyes to the necessity of having honest ciministration of public affairs all ver the territory. PROPOSALS FOR DORMITORY AND WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM. -Department of the Interior, Office of Inlian Affairs, Washington, D. C., Dec. 20,

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THAT ALARM CLOCK.

It was always the hardest thing in the world for me to do to wake up early. Eight consecutive mornings did I try to get up at 5 o'clock in order to reach a certain train that should take me to Phila delphia, where business awaited my presence. The earlier I went to bed the later I slept, and I began to feel demoralized myself. At all events, I felt ashamed of

I consulted with and opened my heart to a friend of the name of Spapper. He is a sympathizing cass, especially where it costs him nothing Snapper suggested that I buy an alarm clock to assist my lack of animal yeast.

I took Snapper's advice and bought one. The man who sold it gave me lessons in operating it without extra charge. I could see through it like a hole in a board fence. All you had to do was simply to whirl a little wheel-a-ma-gig around until a cer-tain figure pointed to the bour on the dial. the one which you wished to be bounced out at, and everything was serene.

I bought that clock in the evening, un beknown to my family, and, thinking I had a sweet, sure thing on being awakened at the proper hour, I lingered with some friends in front of a julep reservoir. So it was past 10 when I got home, and everybody was asleep.

My angelic mother-in-law had escaped the perils of smallpox, cholera, etc., and had arrived that day to stay with us "for a few days." Heaven, what a number of days it takes to constitute a "few" with that mother-in-law!

Well, her long journey had tired her out, and she, too, had gone to bed. Entering softly, I deposited my clock on the table that stood at the head of our bed. Then I "set her," after which I carefully placed myself horizontally in my little bed, making no disturbance, for I dislike lectures, and was soon lost to everything in the shape of fear or anxiety.

What a blessed thing sleep is, especially when you are not afraid and know you are all right about getting up! It will be observed that I pause to moralize. Well, I had really got sleep on the brain.

I was tinetured with it clear through, But there is not the slightest use of moralizing or describing any further, and I will come to the point at once. In the dead watch and middle of the night I was rudely awakened by a flerce

and agonizing rell from the partner of my bed. Not only that, but I had the breath nearly knocked out of my body by the said partner throwing herself upon me in her frantic endeavors to get out of that bed. I felt something was loose. As soon as my senses were revived I

ard the fearfulest rattle-to-hang-dinget te-dong-sputter-te-elick-whitz-ete-pop mingled with the wild shouts and groans of my wife. I was entirely confounded myself. She yelled "Murder! Thieves! Police!" and, with tottering steps, she made for the adjoining bedroom, where her mother was. I followed in terror my-self, for as yet I had not sufficiently come to my senses to know what the deuce it was all about anyhow.

That mother-in-law leaped from her

dreams, from her bed, and, seeing me tremblingly trying to quiet her daughter, she at once concluded that I was trying to murder her and came for me tooth and nail. Then I shouted; then we all shouted, and the uprear was heard in the street, and murder was thought to be doing.

Still that awful racket was kept up in my bedroom. The truth flashed over my mind. I had made a mistake in setting my alarm clock, and it had "gone off," rushed wildly for it. I placed it between the feather bed and the mattress, but still it kept on with its devilish racket. women also kept up theirs. I seized that clock and rushed to the bathroom, and there let a flood of water upon it in the

hope of silencing it, but all to no purpose.
While this confusion was going on with in the police had rapped for assistance and had gained admittance to the house. They rushed up to our sleeping apartments and

burst in the door.
"What's up? What's the row? When is her" said one of them.

My mother-in-law pointed them to the

The officers drew their clubs and pistols and charged upon me. I mounted the tub and pointed to that cleck, which was still dinging away like something posse

'What is the meaning of all this row?' I attempted to explain, but the voice of my mother-in-law was heard above all

One of the officers went for that clock with his club. He smashed it across the snoot. He welted it in the face. He dis-located its lower jaw. He crippled its hands. He knocked it out of time, but still it rattled away, and it was not until he had driven his No. 12 boot in among its liver and things that it finally caved in and concluded to stop.

Silence being partially restored, I ex-plained to the officers how the whole rumpus was occasioned, and, so far as the were concerned, they were inclined to laugh at the whole affair and leave us slone, but my frightened mother-in-law protested that I had an undoubted attack of the jimjams, as I had been drinking, she said, and nothing short of my going to the station house would satisfy her Sweet angel of my household!

I dressed and went with them. I tool the remains of that alarm clock with me, and after explaining to the captain all about it all hands joined in a hearty laugh and passed the remainder of the night quite pleasantly with a pack of cards and a bottle of wine, but no more alarm clocks for me—not any.—New York News.

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Dusty Rhodes-Why?

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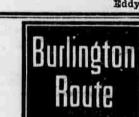
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bathroom, where I was trying to drown that confounded clock in a tub of water.

"Take him away, officers. He has been trying to murder us both. Take him away!"
In the meantime my wife had swooned.

Weary Willie—Say, Dusty, you wants to strike dat house frum yer wis-

Weary Willie-Cos I axed fer hot sausage, en dey sicked de dog on me.-Philadelphia Press.

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